

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The drawings have been amended to label items shown in the original drawings and described in the specification. In Figure 1, for example, the color filter, described in the specification and shown in the original drawings, has been labeled as element 9. In Figure 2, the color filter, described in the specification and shown in the original drawings, has been labeled as element 19. In Figure 4, labels L and W have been added to show the length and width, respectively, of the glass plate 18 as described in the specification. Support for the amendments to the drawings can be found throughout the specification. See, e.g., page 1, lines 14 to 19 and page 3, lines 23 to 25. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7 as being anticipated by Tanaka (U.S. Patent No. 4,710,797). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Independent claims 1 and 5 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 2 and 6, respectively. As amended, claim 1 is directed to a package structure comprising a resin layer arranged between the chip and the protection plate to absorb light having a wavelength shorter than the wavelength of visible light. Claim 5 is directed to a solid-state image sensor comprising a resin layer arranged in a cavity to cover a color filter. The resin layer absorbs light having a wavelength shorter than the wavelength of visible light.

Tanaka discloses an EPROM device that can erase written data using ultraviolet rays. The EPROM device includes a molded package (15) packaging a chip (4), a light transmitting plate (14) arranged above the chip, and a silicon resin layer (13) arranged above the chip and the light transmitting plate.

However, Tanaka does not disclose the resin layer of the present invention that absorbs light having a wavelength shorter than the wavelength of visible light. Rather, the silicon resin layer of Tanaka transmits ultraviolet rays (see column 2, lines 60 to 61).

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Thus, Tanaka does not disclose each element of amended claims 1 and 5, and claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 7 are not anticipated by Tanaka. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 in light of the amendments to claims 1 and 5, and that claims 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 be allowed.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1, 2 and 4. These sheets, which include Figures 1 – 4, replace the original sheets including Figures 1 – 4. Please replace the drawings sheets with the enclosed “Replacement Sheets” for Figs. 1 – 4.

Fig.1 (Prior Art)

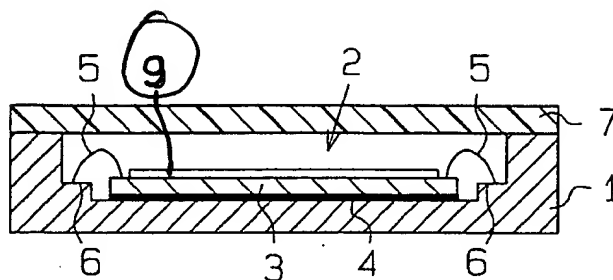


Fig.2

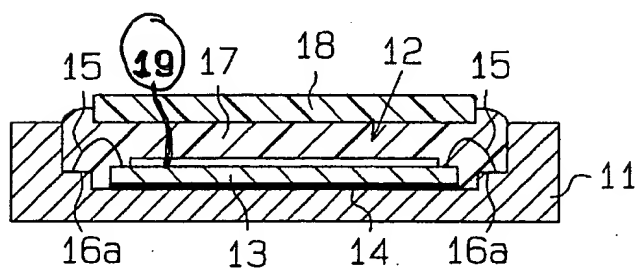


Fig.3

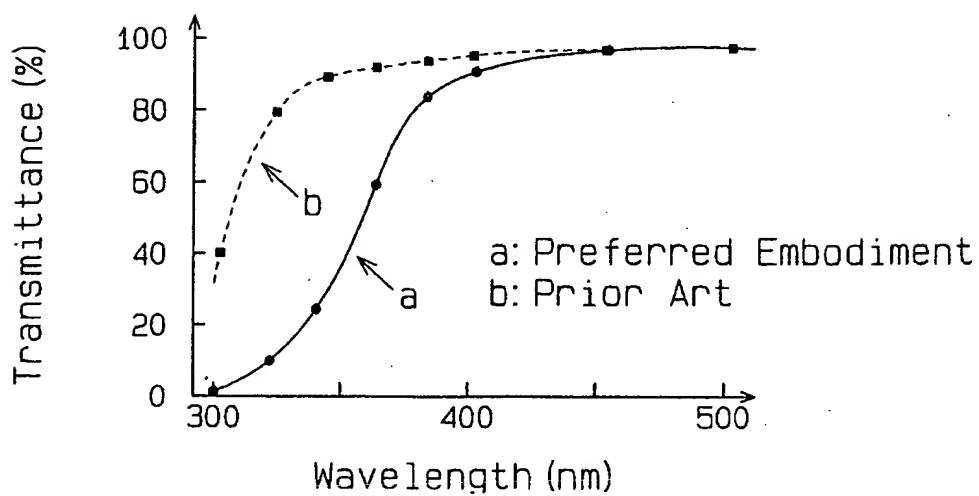




Fig.4

